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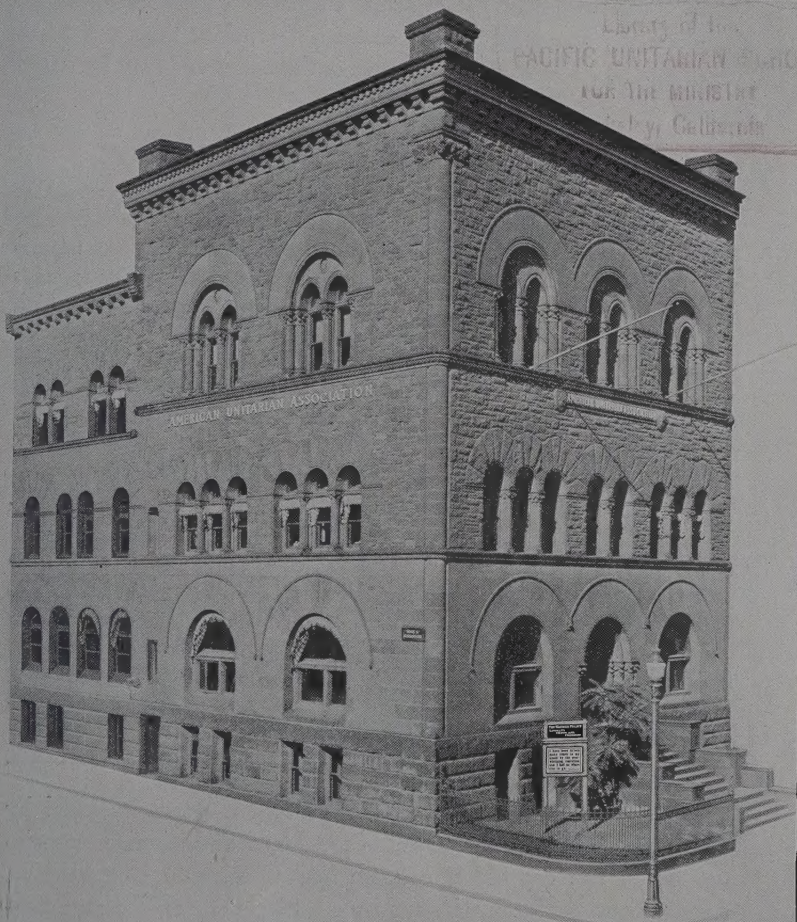

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THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

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MINISTERIAL PERSONALS

Rev. Leverett R. Daniels died at Windsor, Vt., on March 9, in his seventy-sixth year. He had held pastorates at Midland, Mich., South Natick and Sherborn, Mass., Houlton and Yarmouth, Me., and Windsor, Vt.

Rev. W. A. Smith has resigned at Dunkirk, N. Y., to accept a call to Jamestown, N. Y.

Rev. G. Mackay has accepted a call to Hackensack, N. J., and Rev. A. E. Wilson, of the Universalist fellowship, has accepted a call to Braintree, Mass.

BUILDINGS

The restored church and the new parish house at Newton Center, Mass., were dedicated with appropriate services on March 25. The buildings are most convenient and attractive. The society at Orlando, Fla., proposes to build an addition, containing parish house facilities, during the coming summer and the money has already been pledged. Friends will also give to the church a new organ. Work is expected to begin, as soon as the spring opens, on the new church building in Reading, Mass. Plans are in preparation for a new church building at Albany, N. Y. Arrangements are being made for the redecoration and improvement during the coming summer of the interior of the fine old stone Meeting House at Quincy, Mass.

JOURNEYS

The preaching appointments of the President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, in March were at Portland, Me., Concord, N. H., Lexington, Mass., Providence, R. I., Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C. He goes to Detroit, Mich., for the Easter services, with visits to Albany, N. Y., and Toledo, Ohio.

The Secretary of the Association, Dr. Cornish, has spoken during the month of March, mostly on Transylvania, at Concord, N. H., Weston, Quincy, Harvard Divinity School, Amherst, First Church, Dorchester, Second Church, Boston, and Rochester, N. Y.

The Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Dr. Simons, has returned from his extended trip in the Southwest. His March Sunday appointments have been at Wheeling, W. Va., Detroit, Mich., and All Souls Church, New York.

Field Secretary Brown has been meeting appointments at Littleton, N. H., Sturbridge, Winthrop and Stow, Mass.

Field Secretary Hunt has been meeting appointments at Lancaster, Pa., Hammonton, N. J., and Troy, N. Y.

Field Secretary Wetherell will spend April in a trip to the Northwest, including visits to the churches at Eugene, Salem and Portland, Ore., Seattle, Bellingham and Spokane, Wash., Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.

Dr. S. M. Crothers, serving as a Billings Lecturer, has just returned from a trip where he kept appointments at Dayton, Cincinnati, Marietta and Youngstown, Ohio, Meadville and Erie, Pa., Dunkirk and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Rev. R. E. Akin, also serving as a Billings Lecturer but emphasizing especially the work of the Young People's Campaign, has also just completed a series of visits to the churches in Indianapolis, Ind.; St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.; Lawrence and Topeka, Kan.; Lincoln and Omaha, Neb.; Des Moines, Iowa City and Davenport, Ia.; Urbana, Ill.; and Dayton, Ohio.

PRAGUE AND BUDAPEST

The Directors of the Association are co-operating with the Committee of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association in promoting the cause at two important capitals in central Europe, Prague and Budapest. At Budapest the Unitarian Church is entirely unable to accommodate the thronging worshippers. There are now in the city thousands of refugees from Transylvania and among these people are some four or five thousand Unitarians. It has now been arranged to buy a new property in Budapest and to support

there an additional minister who will give primary attention to the needs of these newcomers to the city. At Prague great success continues to follow the efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Norbert F. Capek. The preaching services are crowded and the influence is widely extended. The two Associations are now arranging to buy a piece of property as a headquarters building in the city. This mission in Czecho-Slovakia is the most significant and dramatic effort that the Unitarians have made for a decade.

VISITORS

At the Annual Meeting of the Association in May three distinguished representatives of our European fellow-workers are expected to be present: Rev. H. W. Stephenson, formerly Assistant Secretary of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, has already reached America and is pursuing a course of study at the Harvard Theological School. Professor A. H. Bjarnason, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Reykjavik, Iceland, will arrive in May and after the Boston meetings will keep appointments in New York, at Cornell University and probably at Meadville. He will then proceed to visit the Icelandic churches and communities in the Canadian Northwest. Professor K. H. Roessingh of the University of Leiden, President of the International Congress of Free Christians, will reach New York in the middle of May and will then keep appointments provisionally determined as follows: Brooklyn and New York City; Plainfield, N. J.; Washington, D. C.; Baltimore, Md.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Weston, Mass.; Appleton Chapel, Harvard College, Cambridge; Worcester, Mass.; Ithaca, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio; Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich.; Montreal, Can.; and Concord, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Professor Theodore G. Soares, of the University of Chicago, gave three lectures at Unity House, Boston, on March 20, 21 and 22, under the joint auspices of the Laymen's League and the Department of Religious Education. Dr. Soares so endeared himself to the members of the Star Island Institute, last summer, that he has been engaged again for next summer.

Arrangements for the Star Island Institute for Religious Education for 1923 are approaching completion. The buildings on the Island will be in excellent condition. Elliott Hall is being redecorated and the stage freshly curtained, while a new Monitor window in the roof will light the auditorium as it has never before been

lighted. New electric fixtures are being installed. Dr. Henry F. Cope, General Secretary of the Religious Education Association, will give lectures during the first week on the larger aspects of religious education. Professor A. E. Haydon, of the University of Chicago, will give, during the second week, five lectures on the Christian religion in its relation to other faiths. Dr. Soares will give daily lectures during the two weeks, on the Bible. The three secretaries of this department will be in attendance, lecturing and holding conferences. This third session of the Institute promises to equal if not surpass the two already held.

The institute plan is this year being carried directly to the churches. The unusually severe winter interrupted the work during February and early March, but it is being resumed as spring approaches. Recent institutes have been held at Providence, R. I., where the three churches of that city and eleven others in the Channing Conference co-operated, and at Clinton, Mass., with invitations to six churches in that part of the state. This plan of bringing such instruction and inspiration as institutes can give directly to the churches has proved so successful that it is likely to become a fixed policy with the Department.

All three secretaries of the Department are to be in Cleveland, Ohio, April 11 to 14, attending the twentieth annual meeting of the Religious Education Association. Preliminary notice of this convention was given in *Word and Work* for March. The R. E. A. is one of the most forward-looking movements of the day in both religion and education. Dr. Soares, the President, and Dr. Cope, the efficient general secretary, have infused new life into the Association which is now larger in membership and more active than ever before. Every person who is interested in promoting the interests for which the Association stands, and everyone who has to do with the right guidance of children and young people, should keep in close touch with this organization. It assembles, at its annual meetings, the leaders in moral and religious education in America, from all the denominations. Its methods are scientific, its advance untrammeled, and its findings, especially as they appear six times a year in the Association's magazine, *Religious Education,* are of unique value.

Immediately following the R. E. A. meetings at Cleveland, Dr. Florence Buck starts for Los Angeles where, on April 19, the first of three Pacific Coast institutes will begin. Thence she goes to Berkeley, where an institute will be held from April 26 to May 2, and finally to Seattle where a third institute will be held from

May 6 to 12. This is the third successive season that the Department has held institutes on the Pacific Coast. They have grown steadily in extent and interest and in the support accorded by our church-school workers in that part of the country. From Cleveland Dr. Lawrance will go to Dayton, Ohio, for a meeting with our church and school workers in that city, and then to Meadville where he gives a short course of lectures to the Senior Class of the Theological School, preaching also in the church and at the vesper service in the school chapel. Mr. Fairley goes from Cleveland to Pittsburgh where he is to preach for Dr. Mason on April 15 and hold a conference with the representatives of the two schools of that city in the afternoon.

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TRANSYLVANIA IN 1922. Compiled by Louis C. Cornish.

176 pages, Published at cost, $1.00 postpaid

Do you know that Roumania is oppressing the people in the new territory ceded to her by the Peace Treaty? Protestants, Roman Catholics, Jews—all alike, who are not Roumanians, are being oppressed and robbed, and unless Roumania establishes a just government there will be no permanent peace.

The Report of the Commission, sent last summer to Transylvania by the American Unitarian Association and the American Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities, gives the facts—the life of the Transylvanian people is vividly told with amusing incident and narrative.

The ***Boston Herald*** gave a half-column in the editorial section to a review of this book, and the ***Boston Sunday Globe,*** on March 18, 1923, devoted two full columns to a detailed exposition of the pitiful plight of the Transylvanians.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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Miss Lucy Lowell, *President* Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Secretary*
Miss Louise Brown, *Treasurer*

MARY B. DAVIS MEMORIAL FUND

Every branch should have received the letter sent by the special committee asking that an appropriate memorial be provided by the Alliance branches throughout this country and Canada, as a testimony of the love and affection which all cherish for Mrs. Mary B. Davis, and also for the purpose of perpetuating the noble service to which she consecrated her life. Prompt action is urged in order that the contributions may be received before May 10, 1923, the first anniversary of her death. Contributions are asked from Alliance branches and from individuals. "May they be given in the spirit of gratitude that such a soul dwelt with us and worked with us so valiantly and courageously for thirty years." Copies of the pledge card and the letter may be obtained from Headquarters.

SOME CHEERFUL LETTER RESULTS

Only the workers know how great a power for good the Cheerful Letter has been and is, not only to individuals, but to schools and entire communities. We realize that the boys and girls of today are to be our future citizens, and so through the Home Study Department we try to encourage morally, physically, and mentally boys and girls who are far from schools and churches, or who need special help. It is our aim to get them headed right. We have twenty very active pupils putting in good hard work. One young woman has undertaken to teach in a district where there are twenty children but no school, the people are poor and cut off from school privileges by a river with no bridge across. The county will not pay, so Miss T. will teach them. If she is successful this year the county will take over the school another year. She was anxious for help in drawing, and a young man was found who was being helped to a course in the Art Museum. He was glad to show his appreciation of the kindness shown to him by teaching this young woman. The results have been so far most gratifying. Several school teachers are being helped in much the same way.

One of our teachers has a young man of 22 years of age and a cripple, who has never been beyond the fifth grade in school. She receives from him every week two assignments of five lessons each

Looking Ever Toward the Future

1923

If you have built castles in the air, your next task is to put foundations under them.

Ready to Advance

MOST PEOPLE who contribute toward the support of the work of the American Unitarian Association, do it anonymously. They put a coin in a loose collection on one Sunday morning in the year.

¶ The total of these contributions, compared with the membership of our churches, shows that on the average our people give only about fifty cents each per year for this vital work.

¶ Those who were at our annual meeting in May, 1922, faced this fact, and voted unanimously to endeavor to make the contributions five times as large. Even this would be only the modest average of five cents per week, per person.

¶ Our national work cries out for larger support. If any one asks how much he should give let him multiply by five his gift of last year.

¶ We speak of contributions "from *churches* and *individuals*." In reality these contributions all come from individuals. Whoever puts his gift into the annual collection, with no name attached, is giving *through* his church as a channel.

¶ Each individual should regard this as a personal responsibility. He should make a contribution which shall be a real expression of his loyalty to our great cause.

A Radiant Hope

IT IS only two years from now — the year 1925 — when we shall celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the American Unitarian Association.

¶ During this present month of April, 1923, we should lift our contributions far above their recent level. Our work should be greatly enlarged. Our second century should begin with increased power.

¶ The past year we have organized four new churches and have re-established thirty more. This is but a beginning.

¶ The past year we have printed and distributed more than two hundred thousand tracts. And our other publications bring the total to a half-million.

¶ The Wayside Pulpit preaches to more than two million Americans every week, on the streets. But there are sixty million Americans who have no church.

¶ Thousands of children are brought into our Sunday schools. We are reaching college students at a critical time. We are winning young people for membership in our churches.

¶ If our work is to advance, we must advance *together*. The Association deserves greatly increased contributions.

Only One Month

EVERY YEAR, during April, the churches of the Unitarian fellowship contribute more money for the work of the American Unitarian Association than in all the other eleven months of the year put together.

¶ We have now come to this critical month. The financial year of the Association ends on the first day of May. The work of the year has been carried forward courageously and with the confidence that our people will sustain it loyally.

¶ Many churches have not yet taken their annual collection, and

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may reduce the attendance at church on any of these Sundays. This would reduce the support of the national work.

¶ To guard against this serious danger there is

ONE THING TO DO

That is to send contribution envelopes and printed appeals to every member of your Parish before the Sunday on which the collection is to be taken. The contribution envelopes should be brought to the church that day or sent to the treasurer of the Parish.

¶ For contribution envelopes and appeals, write without delay, stating the whole number on your mailing list, to Mr. Forbes Robertson, 25 Beacon Street, Boston 9, Mass.

¶ Contributions should be forwarded promptly by your treasurer to Mr. Henry M. Williams, 25 Beacon Street, Boston 9, Mass.

in writing and spelling. His teacher writes that he is a splendid pupil and adds, "Every day some new instance of the worthwhileness of this work is brought home to me." A little girl of 11 years of age asks for instruction in drawing, the pictures which she has sent show much natural aptitude. Last summer a young lad asked for boys' books, later we found that one of the teachers with whom we are in touch was to teach in this boy's home town. We asked him to direct the lad's reading, which he was only too glad to do, and he is now helping him in his studies.

The Library Department has been fully as active, many libraries having been placed in schools as well as in communities. The calls from a county superintendent in charge of 150 schools we are most anxious to heed. In 1900 he applied for help in Latin and mathematics as he was at that time struggling to fit himself for this position which he so much wanted. These lessons went on for a few years under the supervision of a member of the Waltham Alliance. In a letter to our Waltham committee he has written, "I have often thought of the help in many ways which I have received from the Cheerful Letter and I desire to express my appreciation of all the help you have given me." Now he and his wife are interested in organizing a Sunday-School and need books for the library which they are starting.

Another appeal is from an ex-county-schoolteacher, who after marriage settled in a place where conditions are wholly bad. She is doing real missionary work here. Their one small library has been read to death and she needs books for children. Not a week goes by when there is not a request for a transfer of a library, or for a new one. We need more books and more offers of libraries.

The individual work in many cases is fascinating. This extract from a letter from Montana will show the loneliness of more than one family, and what we can do to make their outlook sunnier. "I have received reading from the Cheerful Letter Society for many years, which has been a great help and pleasure to our family and neighbors. We live out in the central part of Montana, having proved up a homestead claim. The crops have been poor for five years, and almost all the other homesteaders have moved away. Our only neighbors are miles away and during winter I never see a woman more than two or three times in the six months, and winters are long and very cold. There is no church, Sunday-School, or meeting place of any kind, and not enough people to organize any such thing. Roads are almost impassable for several months at a time, the nearest post-office, store, and railroad are twenty-five

miles away. You see good reading is almost our only recreation. I should be very grateful if you would pass my name on to one who would care to help. I always pass on the reading received. I am going to ask for quilt pieces, my bedding has all gone to pieces at once. I should be glad to get some little things for Christmas, as I know two or three other families besides ourselves who are absolutely unable to celebrate Christmas at all, and have not for four or five years. I should like to give them something to make the day seem a little different. There are children, both boys and girls, from 18 years to babies.'' (The pathetic part of this is that while the letter was written December 1, there was no chance to mail it until January 15.)

We are often asked, ''Do you have any one on your list that could appreciate such magazines as the Atlantic or Harper's?'' This extract will show: ''When I tell you how I have longed to be able to take the Atlantic I am sure you will know how I appreciate getting it. A friend sends me Asia, such a beautiful magazine, can you imagine how the Atlantic and Asia will lift me out of the rut and bring all the world to my room? That alone ought to be partial payment for your labor.''

From a report of the chairman,
Mrs. W. B. Nichols.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

At the meeting of the Executive Board, held in Boston March 9, thirty-eight members and committee chairmen were present from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. There were also present by invitation two branch presidents, Miss Harriet E. Johnson, Dean of the Tuckerman School, Mrs. D. Frederic Potter, President of the Meadville District Associate Alliance, Mrs. Cloyd H. Valentine of the Y. P. R. U., Mrs. Harold W. Stephenson of London, who brought greetings from the British League, and Mrs. Wm. Channing Brown, who told briefly of meetings of the British League which she attended the past summer, speaking of the loyalty and courage of the members in these difficult days, and of the impressiveness of their devotional services. Mrs. Brown spoke also of the marvelous growth of the Unitarian movement at Prague under Dr. and Mrs. Capek.

The Treasurer's statement showed considerable receipts for membership dues and Appeals, but the branches have very much yet to do before April 30, when the books are closed. Particular attention is called to the Appeal for our Southern work.

The name of Mrs. Ellen Ilsley Richardson, Providence, R. I., has been placed *in memoriam* by her daughter Miss Louise Richardson; that of Miss Lucy Forbes Brigham, Roxbury, Mass., by her niece Miss Frances E. Bowles; the name of Mrs. Mary Clapp Alline by the Alliance of Second Church, Brookline, and that of Mrs. James R. Walker by the Milton Alliance.

The President read her itinerary, beginning with the meetings of the Meadville District Conference and Associate Alliance March 22 and 23 in Cleveland; Dayton, Cincinnati, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind.; Shelbyville, Alton, Ill.; Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Okla.; Quincy, Bloomington, Urbana, Evanston, Hinsdale, Chicago (Associate Alliance), Geneseo, Ill.; Kalamazoo and Jackson, Mich., a trip extending to April 21. The Board charged Miss Lowell with cordial greetings to all the branches she may visit.

The Library Committee reported gifts of money for books from Roxbury and Wollaston branches. Effort will be made to add such recent books on religion, Bible study, etc., as our ministers and others express a desire to read.

The Committee on Southern Work made enthusiastic report, announcing that Rev. Margaret Barnard has accepted the invitation of the committee to return to Swansboro, N. C., next year. On the recommendation of this committee the following vote was unanimously passed: To invite the co-operation of all Alliance women in raising a fund of not less than $1,000 in memory of Mrs. Noyes, which shall endow in perpetuity a scholarship in our schools in North Carolina, and which shall be known as the Lucia Clapp Noyes Scholarship.

The International report mentioned that $45 has been received for Mrs. Weller's relief work in Karpatska, Russia. Money has been received and forwarded to Mme. Loyson in France, including a gift of $200 from Mrs. John G. Phillips of Sharon, Mass., to establish the Nina Nightingale Library in recognition of the war service of Miss Nightingale in and about Soissons, where Mme. Loyson is carrying on her reconstruction work.

A letter from Miss Van Eck of Leiden, Holland, told of a special case in which she is interested with Fraulein Barth. It was voted to send $60 to Miss Van Eck from the Missionary Collection for this call. The sum of $400 has been sent to enable Mr. Hankinson to continue his relief efforts in Budapest, where he is in close co-operation with the Hungarian Women's Alliance. From Khasi Hills, India, a most interesting letter was reported with greetings and feelings of gratitude to the Unitarian Women of America.

This International report has been printed for distribution to those who request it. Mrs. St. John was unable to be present to read her report because of the illness of her mother, Mrs. George D. Everett. To Mrs. Everett the Board sent a letter of affectionate greeting, recalling her service as teacher at Shelter Neck, N. C., in the early days of the school. Mrs. Everett started the Alliance at Shelter Neck, and also that at Dover, Mass., of which latter she is honorary president.

A message of appreciation and greeting was voted to Mrs. Clara B. Beatley, chairman of the Sunday-School Committee, who is very ill.

The Manual Committee this year consists of Miss M. C. Sawyer, chairman, Mmes. Brown, Burt, Glogau; May Meetings Committee, Mrs. W. W. Churchill, chairman, Mmes. Atherton, Beard, Daniels, Sears, Warner.

A permanent committee on hospitality has been formed in The Alliance: Miss Lowell, chairman, Mrs. James A. Bailey, Mrs. George R. Dinsmoor, Mrs. Christopher R. Eliot, Miss Bertha Langmaid, Miss Annie A. Noyes, Miss Evelyn Sears.

Miss Margaret I. Aborn, Secretary of the Y. P. R. U., was added to the Committee on Young People.

Caroline S. Atherton, Secretary.

SEVEN POINTS FROM SWANSBORO, N. C.

From Miss Barnard's February Report.

1. A dignified, attractive sign has been placed on the church, reading First Unitarian Church, Organized 1902. A sign painter appeared along on a yacht and charged only $3.00 for doing the job.

2. Thanks to the Lucy O. Fessenden Alliance, we have a bulletin board for Wayside Pulpit, and posters are changed frequently. As I found nearly three hundred here that had never been used, I have employed them freely.

3. The Alliance has voted $5.00 to the American Unitarian Association. This with the contribution of last year entitles us to membership.

4. The Alliance has also paid for platform for well and all is in good order. There is no sand, the water is clear but it needs to be pumped steadily for about a day to get rid of a bit of oil from the pipes.

5. The Alliance has also put into the kitchen a new and larger sink. We learned of one at an army sale for $4.85, and sent for it. The old one would not hold an ordinary dishpan and the new one is a great comfort.

6. Some little time ago I had the honor of taking the Mayor of Swansboro in my car to Maysville. On the trip he offered me a bell which he owned, and which was on a farm about three miles from town. He said it needed some slight repairs, but he thought it would do us good service. I told him we should be delighted, and I would go over and see it. Everything happened to delay me, but Saturday we drove over and found a fine large bell with excellent tone. The other day my chauffeur brought it to town, repaired it and it now hangs on our church, while the old bell will be used for the school.

7. During Lent we are having a half-hour of devotional service every Wednesday afternoon.

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE

Already the reports have begun to arrive, in response to the notice sent to every Junior Alliance secretary, and we think you will be interested to hear something from our very newest group, and also from one that has been doing good work for some years:

Castine, Me. We are sewing on aprons for the summer fair. We have voted as our share in the renovation of the church to raise forty dollars to pay for the re-lettering of the historical tablet that hangs on the front of the building. We have fourteen members, and we are trying to attend church regularly.

Brookfield, Mass. This year we have put quite a little effort into our choir for the church, which is composed of seven Junior Alliance members, who are using the proceeds of a Pop Concert for vocal lessons to improve our singing. The money raised at a Yuletide Revel, and a May Festival which we are planning for next month, will be devoted to installing electric lights in our vestry, and also to sending a delegate to the Shoals. We call upon the boys for their help, which they always give cheerfully, and we make sure to have at least one get-together meeting each month. The Laymen's League has established the custom of a social hour. They hold their meetings upstairs in the church, while the young folks use the vestry for games and dancing, and then all join for refreshments before going home.

Eastondale, Mass. A new Junior Alliance is reported: *Pres.*, Mrs. L. B. White, *Sec.*, Miss Jeanette Packard, Eastondale, Mass., *Treas.*, Miss Constance Gifford.

FROM RHODE ISLAND

The work which looms large, common to the four Rhode Island branches, is that "by and with the young people." At the First

Church, Providence, the Channing Guild, organized as a branch of the Y. P. R. U., holds weekly Sunday meetings at 5.30 P. M., with an address followed by a light supper. At Westminster Church, Providence, these meetings are called Hearthside Services, and include lectures given by Brown University professors, with such subjects as "Science in Relation to Religion," "Religion and the Literature of Today." The minister referring to these meetings says "Our young people have made a real contribution to the life of the Westminster Parish." At a large meeting, reviving the Channing Federation of Young People, held at Westminster Church, delegates were sent from most of the churches included in the Channing Conference, Newport sending a large number. The Alliance helped in receiving the delegates and served supper at the close of the meeting.

At Bell Street Chapel, Providence, we find the Cheerful Letter Committee enlisting the help of the young people.

To the several church schools the branches are giving active support, not the least being the attendance of Alliance members at each session of the schools.

The attendance at Star Island of members of the Young People's Union and church schools, made possible by the financial help of the branches, has contributed no small part to the enthusiastic work of the younger people.

MAY MEETINGS

The Alliance will hold two meetings May 23, Wednesday of Anniversary Week, in Tremont Temple. At 10 A. M. the annual business meeting with reports and election of officers will be held. Rev. Margaret B. Barnard and Miss Sara Comins will speak. At 2.30 P. M. Rev. Louis C. Dethlefs will conduct the devotional service, and there will be addresses by Revs. W. A. Vrooman, Elizabeth Padgham, and Frederick R. Griffin.

On Thursday the usual conferences will take place: Cheerful Letter at 11 A. M. in Channing Hall; Post-Office Mission at 2.30 P. M. at Bulfinch Place Church.

Branches which choose their delegates in April will remember that they are entitled to "one delegate for any number of members under 30, and another delegate for each 30 members additional to the first 30." Only $1.00 members are eligible to serve as delegates, but a local member may make herself, or be made by her branch, a national member by the simple payment of the $1.00 fee. May we repeat the suggestion that branches pay the expenses of delegates to the Anniversary Meetings, selecting when possible one who has never before attended?

The regular meeting of the New York League of Unitarian Women took the form of a very enjoyable luncheon held at The West Side Meeting House, New York, on Friday, March 2, 1923. The president, Mrs. Alfred Robinson, in her greeting introduced Mrs. William F. Earp, president of the Metropolitan Universalist Alliance, who gave the slogan of her organization: In great things unity. In small things liberty. In all things, charity. Mrs. Robinson spoke of the memorial to Mrs. Mary B. Davis and urged that the fund be raised before May 10, 1923, the anniversary of her death. Mrs. Griffin asked for additional funds to complete the artesian well at Swansboro, N. C. Mrs. Owen Voigt sang two groups of songs with great charm.

In welcoming the League, Rev. Charles F. Potter spoke of his own church policy, "The church that cares, grows." A very inspiring address followed given by Dr. William Norman Guthrie, Rector of St. Mark's in the Bowerie, New York, who said, "Don't preach, just be. Do not distinguish between secular and religious, but religionize the secular." We need the tremendous interest of variety in our worship; we need to find our own track and follow our own inspiration because we can draw together better by emphasizing different talents.

The next meeting of the Monday Conference of Alliance branches will take place April 2, 1923, at 10.30 A. M., at 25 Beacon St., Boston. It will take the form of a Presidents' Conference on Problems of the Season.

The annual meeting of the New England Associate Alliance will be held in the Unitarian Church of Lexington, Mass., Thursday, April 26. The morning session will begin at 10.30. Mrs. John Murdoch, Jr., will tell of her work among the foreign born in Montpelier, Vt. Mr. James P. Munroe will give an address on the Road towards Good Will. Dr. S. M. Crothers will address the afternoon session.

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